



City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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Create Holiday Memories with Seasonal Festivities in Gaithersburg

Gaithersburg, MD (November 9, 2018) Celebrate the holiday season with the City of Gaithersburg. From caroling, visits with Santa and a traditional tree lighting to theatrical performances, a dazzling Winter Lights Festival and even an Ugly Sweater Brew Party, there's plenty of holiday fun for all ages.

Classes & Workshops

Turkey Burn Off

Nov. 24, 9 – 10:30 a.m.

Activity Center, 510 S. Frederick Ave.

Burn off those Thanksgiving calories with a free Zumba and Dance Fitness class. This fun, energizing workout is open to all ages. Warm up to the rhythms of Zumba, then shake, bop and sweat with dance fitness. You'll experience an hour and a half of body-energizing, stress-relieving fun.

Cook@Casey: Holiday Sweets I & II

Nov. 30, 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Casey Community Center, 810 South Frederick Avenue

The holidays are a time for delicious indulgences! Learn the ins and outs of making festive treats to enjoy yourself or share during the holidays. Cash Bar. Must be 21+ to purchase alcohol. Admission is \$25. Register online.

Performances

Turkeypalooza

Nov. 17, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Road

Explore Thanksgiving with an interactive production featuring VF Dance Theater. The family-friendly show encourages children ages three and older to count, read, move, and solve problems. Admission is \$15. Purchase tickets online.

***A Christmas Story* - In partnership with Rockville Little Theatre**

Nov. 24 – Dec. 9, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Rd.

Wanting only a Red Ryder 200-shot BB gun, young Ralphie Parker's Christmas happiness is thwarted at every turn by adults concerned that "he'll shoot his eye out." This funny and heartfelt show is based on the much loved Jean Shepherd movie of the same name. Admission is \$20, \$18 for students ages 15 – 21 with student ID, and \$12 for youth ages 14 and under. The show is recommended for ages seven and older. Purchase tickets online.

Gaithersburg Chorus Winter Concerts

7:30 p.m.

Dec. 2 - Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church, 610 S. Frederick Ave.

Dec. 4 - Rosborough Theatre at Asbury Methodist Village, 301 Odendhal Ave.

Featured selections include Aaron Copland's "Simple Gifts," an arrangement of Dvorak's "Goin' Home," and holiday selections. Admission is free; donations are gratefully accepted. All ages welcome.

Cool Yule featuring Lena Seikaly

Dec. 15, 8 p.m.

Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Rd.

Holiday favorites and originals with one of Washington's preeminent jazz singers. A revivalist of traditional jazz vocals and innovator in contemporary vocal jazz styles, Lena's self-produced albums have received critical acclaim. Admission is \$25, \$15 youth 18 and under. Purchase tickets online.

Special Events & Activities

Winter Lights Festival

Nov. 23 – Dec. 31, Sun.- Thurs. 6 -9 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. 6 - 10 p.m.

(Closed 12/25)

Seneca Creek State Park, 11950 Clopper Rd.

The 3.5 mile drive through the enchanted woodland setting of Seneca Creek State Park takes you past more than 450 illuminated displays and beautifully lit park trees that brighten the night. Admission is \$12 per car Monday through Thursday and \$17 per car Friday through Sunday. Purchase tickets at the gate or online.

Jingle Jubilee & Tree Lighting

Dec. 1, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

City Hall Concert Pavilion, 31 S. Summit Ave.

Welcome the holidays with a traditional tree lighting ceremony, holiday music and a special visit from Santa at Jingle Jubilee. Be sure to bring your camera to capture memorable holiday photos with costumed characters and in a fun photo booth that includes dress-up accessories and props. Festive giveaways, holiday card signing for our troops, and a magnificent tree lighting ceremony create a delightful holiday mood.

Caroling in the Kentlands/Lakelands

Dec. 7, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Lakelands Clubhouse, 960 Main St.

Enjoy a festive evening of caroling through the beautifully decorated neighborhoods of Kentlands and Lakelands. Meet at the Lakelands Clubhouse at 6 p.m. Finish at the Arts Barn for complimentary sweet treats.

Main Street Farmers & Artist Holiday Market**Dec. 8, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.****Main Street Pavilion, 301 Main St.**

Shop unique holiday gifts including seasonal fresh produce, artisanal chocolates, blown glass, jewelry, hand knitted items, small batch distilled spirits, and much more.

All Aboard with Santa**Dec. 8, 4 – 6:30 p.m.****Gaithersburg Community Museum, 9 S. South Summit Ave.**

A chance for Train Lovers to visit with Santa! Enjoy fresh baked cookies and hot chocolate for the children, and tea or coffee for the adults, in the 1884 Railroad Station. Follow the elves to Santa and other activities at this magical holiday event. Admission is \$12 per child, \$6 adults. Purchase tickets online here.

Die Hard 30th Anniversary Film & Ugly Sweater Brew Party**Dec. 14, 6 p.m.****Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Rd.**

It's that time of year: Get your craziest friends together, dig deep into the back of your closet and celebrate the holidays. Bring a sweater to decorate before the movie. Prizes for best sweaters. Sweater Decorating & Pub opens at 6 p.m. Movie starts at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 advance, \$8 at the door. Purchase tickets online.

A Morning with Santa**Dec. 15, 10:30 a.m. – Noon****Casey Community Center, 810 S. Frederick Ave.**

Santa Claus is coming to town! Visit with Santa, drink hot cocoa, decorate cookies by the fireplace, and more. Please bring your own camera for photos. Admission is \$10 for children, \$5 for adults. Children ages one and younger are free. Purchase tickets online.

For more information, explore the Holiday Festivities calendar on the City's website at www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

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